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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SCOTT D. LUCAS, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/317,409

Filed: May 24, 1999

For: PRODUCTS AND METHOD OF  
CORE CRUSH PREVENTION

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: Examiner: J. Befumo  
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: Group Art Unit: 1771  
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: April 20, 2001  
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Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2000 for two (2) months from February 20, 2001 to April 20, 2001.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 390.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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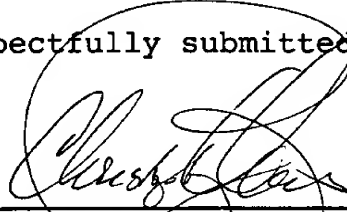
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christopher L. Harper", is written over a horizontal line.

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